

New Mexico Air National Guard member receives national award

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One of the highest recruiting honors that can be attained in the Air National Guard was awarded to a New Mexico Air National Guardsman at the 2003 Annual National Recruiting and Retention Awards Ceremony in St. Louis, April 17th.

Master Sgt. John A. Williams, recruiting office supervisor for the 150th Fighter Wing, Kirtland AFB, competed against nominees from 50 states and four territories to earn the prestigious award.

"This is a great honor," said Chief Master Sgt. Mike Patterson, recruiting and retention superintendent for the State of New Mexico. "Nominees from all over were narrowed down to a five-region competition from which Williams advanced to nationals."

Competitors had to demonstrate strengths in areas ranging from job knowledge and leadership, to community involvement and previous awards earned, said Patterson. Williams' direction of the 150th recruiting office has led to the wing achieving and exceeding recruitment goals set forth by the National Guard Bureau. Williams' recruiting plan, designed to meet the specific needs of the 150th and the Air National Guard, positively impacted all recruitment objectives.

According to Williams, he credits an exceptional staff. "We work as a team," said Williams. "This is an honor for all of us."

The recruiting and retention office, supported by Master Sgt. Angela Tapia, retention office manager for the 150th, and Tech. Sgt. Suzie Bowles, 150th production recruiter, received recognition as well. "Additionally, everyone assigned to recruiting and retention in the New Mexico Air National Guard was nominated for a merit-based award," said Patterson.

Tapia, 2002 New Mexico Air National Guard Retention Office Manager of the Year, was nominated to regional competition. Bowles, who earned the 2002 New Mexico Air National Guard Rookie Recruiter of the Year Award, won the regional competition and advanced to nationals.



AFMC Airman of the year



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
ZACHARY D. HENDERSON
898th Munitions Squadron

Airman Henderson, a Munitions Maintenance Technician, is currently working on his Bach Degree in Mechanical Engineering and is working towards a SCUBA instructor license.

AFMC's Command Post Noncommissioned Officer of the Year



Tech. Sgt. Gary L. Kazmarek, superintendent of the 377th Air Base Wing Command Post Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Not shown is Airman 1st Class Jessica L. Hardman, formerly at Kirtland AFB, selected as Command Post Airman of the Year.

Staff Sgt. selected for Officer Training School



Staff Sgt. Jerald L. Hallett of the 58th Special Operation Wing's 58th Maintenance Squadron was selected for Officer Training School by the 0303 board. Once commissioned, he will attend technical school to be a navigator.

Master Sgt. awarded Meritorious Service Medal



His meticulous attention to detail safeguarded over 2,000 men and women and earned him the Meritorious Service Medal. Master Sgt. Charles D. Crutchfield was awarded the MSM on February 6 for outstanding achievement during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. As Chief of Weapons Safety, Crutchfield was the wing's sole munitions and explosive safety specialist. Stationed in the Kyrgyz Republic near the southern Chinese border, the 376th Air Expeditionary Wing had no safety related accidents due to Crutchfield's weapons safety program. In addition to managing weapon storage houses, Crutchfield supervised the shipments of explosives in and out of his base, all without incident. According to his certificate, Crutchfield's efforts helped his wing "complete over 800 combat sorties, maintaining a perfect 100 percent sortie effectiveness rate."

377th Air Base Wing Quarterly Award winners

Airman



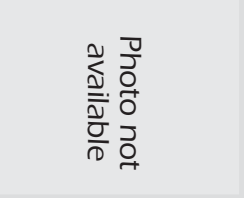
AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
JOSHUA E. CARPS
898th Munitions Squadron

Noncommissioned Officer



STAFF SGT.
CHRISTOPHER L. COVEY
898th Munitions Squadron

Senior Noncommissioned Officer



MASTER SGT. CHERYL M. MOORE
377th Air Base Wing

Company Grade Officer



1ST LIEUTENANT
MICHAEL O. TIMBANG
377th Air Base Wing

Civilian Category 1



DAVID K. SEYFER
377th Maintenance Group

Civilian Category 2



DAVID J. KEAGY
377th Air Base Wing

Civilian Category 3



NENITA D. J. TERLAJE
377th Mission Support Squadron

Civilian Category 4



FREILER R. BURTON
377th Mission Support Squadron

58th Special Operations Wing Quarterly Award winners

Airman



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
ANTHONY HOLLY
58th Maintenance Squadron

Noncommissioned Officer



STAFF SGT SHAWN BROCK
58TH MAINTENANCE
Operations Squadron

Senior Noncommissioned Officer



MASTER SGT ROBERT BROWN
550th Special Operations Squadron

Company Grade Officer



CAPT. LEE ROSKOP
550th Special Operations Squadron

Civilian Category 1



ROBERT JAMESON
58th Training Squadron

Civilian Category 2



KAY LEE
58th Special Operations Wing

Civilian Category 3

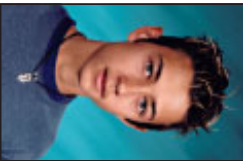


KELLEE AVERY
58th Special Operations Wing

Civilian Category 4



BERNICE REED
58th Maintenance Operations Squadron



Lindsay Erin Kelly of Sandia High School, daughter of Col. James and Julie Kelly.
Betzaida "Betsy" Hachfeld of University of New Mexico, spouse of Staff Sgt. Richard Hachfeld.

